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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Through this letter, the State of Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is expressing its support for Purdue University's intent to apply for funding for the formation and implementation of a State of Indiana Health Information Technology Extension Program (HITEP) as established by the HITECH Act. OMPP supports the integration of a Purdue led technical extension center with the five operating health information exchange organizations within Indiana and will help to facilitate a seamless transition to the activities of the cooperative program as it is established. Purdue University is a land-grant university with a robust, statewide infrastructure dedicated to translating innovative research into tools that benefit Indiana citizens daily. This infrastructure, combined with Purdue's expertise as one of the nation's top engineering universities, offers the key resources needed to implement a successful HITEP in Indiana.

Purdue will establish Indiana's HITEP Regional Center based on, and in accordance with, the criteria specified in the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology funding opportunity number EP-HIT-09-003, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Health Information Technology Extension Program: Regional Centers Funding Opportunity Announcement ("FOA").

Victor Lechtenberg, Ph.D. Vice Provost for Engagement, of Purdue University, will lead the State's efforts to develop the Regional Center. His contact information is included with this letter.

Thank you in advance for your due consideration of Purdue University's application for funding to establish, operate and implement Indiana's HITEP Regional Center.

Sincerely,


Patricia Casanova

Director of Medicaid

